

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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said surrounding layer having a hardness of at least 45 degrees on Shore D.

Sub 9.2
9. (Amended) A multi-piece solid golf ball having a structure of at least four layers, said ball comprising; a core having a structure consisting of an inner sphere formed of a rubber material based on polybutadiene and a layer surrounding the inner sphere and formed mainly of a thermoplastic resin or rubber base material, and a cover enclosing the core and consisting of inner and outer cover layers, said outer cover layer having a hardness of 40 to 60 degrees on Shore D, and said inner cover layer having a hardness of up to 53 degrees on Shore D and lower than that of said outer cover layer, and said inner sphere having a lower hardness than said surrounding layer.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A multi-piece solid golf ball comprises a core having a structure consisting of at least two layers and a cover on the core consisting of outer and inner cover layers. The core has a diameter in the range of 35 to 41 mm. The inner sphere of the core is formed of a rubber material based on polybutadiene and an outer